Joint patrolling along LoC with Pakistan

759. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has mooted the proposal to have joint patrolling along the Line of Control with Pakistan in order to detect infiltration from Pakistan side;

(b) if so, what is Pakistan's response on this proposal;

(c) whether this proposal was considered earlier also; and

(d) if so, why it was dropped then?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) In an attempt to test Pakistan's seriousness about implementing its commitment to stop infiltration and cross border terrorism, the Prime Minister during the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measure in Asia (CICA) Summit in Almaty on June 5, 2002, proposed Joint Patrolling along the line of Control. Pakistan rejected the proposal saying that it was "nothing new and unlikely to work".

(c) and (d) The proposal of joint patrolling was considered earlier on various occasions. However, it could not fructify because Pakistan differed from India's position on the meaning and concept of 'Joint Patrolling' which was not acceptable to India.

MoD's concerns *over* China's continuing military support to Pakistan and Burma

760. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Ministry has expressed concern over China's continuing military assistance to Pakistan and Myanmar;

(b) if so, whether China has also started strengthening and modernizing its armed forces; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Government has expressed concern from time to time, about China's continuing military assistance to our neighbouring countries, including Pakistan and Myanmar.

(b) China has been modernizing its armed forces since the last two decades, with the thrust on induction of high technology.

(c) Government remains vigilant and takes all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.

Crash of fighter aircrafts

T761. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many fighter aircrafts of Indian Air Force have crashed during the last three years and their number is continuously increasing;

(b) if so, the details of the aircrafts crashed during the last three years till date;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many trained pilots of Air Force have been killed in various crashes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Some fighter aircrafts have been lost in air crashes.

(b) to (d) The details, along with the causes of accidents and aircrew killed therein, are enclosed.

Statement

Financial year	No. of fighter aircraft	Causes of accidents				No. of fatalities
		HE(A)	TD	BH	UR/UI	
1999-2000	22	14	05	02	01	09
2000-2001	18	10	06	02	—	10
2001-2002	14	08	05	01	—	06
2002-2003 (Up to	09	02	04	01	02	04
TOTAL	63	34	20	06	03	29

HE(A) — Human Error (Aircrew)
TD — Technical Defect
BH — Bird Hit
UR/UI — Unresolved/Under Investigation

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